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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) An image forming method comprising:

in a center feed developing system comprising first and second developing rollers and a developing agent distributing member formed between said first and second developing rollers, and using a two-component developing agent consisting mainly of said toners and magnetic carriers:

controlling a stress applied to said developing agent between said first and second developing rollers and a developing agent distributing member, by selecting a shape coefficient SF2 of toner particles in said toners to be within a predetermined range to restrict an occurrence of photographic fog;

developing an electrostatic latent image formed on an image carrier ~~with a developing device~~ into a toner image using said toners;

transferring said toner image onto a recording medium which comprises a continuous sheet; and

fixing said toner image transferred onto said recording medium to thereby form a recorded image on a recording sheet;

wherein said latent image is developed ~~with said developing device~~ by said first and second developing rollers disposed along the moving direction of said image carrier and rotatable in the mutually opposite directions using said ~~a~~ two-component magnetic developing agent consisting mainly of toners and magnetic carriers, and said toners are supplied to said latent image on said image carrier by said first and second developing rollers,

wherein the moving direction of said first developing roller is opposite to the moving direction of said image carrier in a developing area, and a peripheral speed ratio (S1 = Vm1 / Vp) between the peripheral speed (Vm1) of said first developing roller and the peripheral speed (Vp) of said image carrier is set in the range of 0.8 - 2.0,

wherein the moving direction of said second developing roller is the same as the moving direction of said image carrier in a developing area, and a peripheral speed ratio (S2 = Vm2 / Vp)

between the peripheral speed (Vm2) of said second developing roller and the peripheral speed (Vp) of said image carrier is set in the range of 1.05 - 2.0, and

wherein a plurality of shape coefficients SF1, SF2 of said toners of said two-component magnetic developing agent consisting mainly of toners and magnetic carriers are respectively defined according to the following expressions (1) and (2),

$SF1 = (\text{maximum length of diameter})^2 / (\text{area of toner particle}) \times \pi / 4 \times 100$ --- (1)

$SF2 = (\text{peripheral length of projected image})^2 / (\text{area of toner particle}) \times 100 / 4\pi$ --- (2),

said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 respectively satisfying the following conditions:

$120 \leq SF1 \leq 170$

$110 \leq SF2 \leq 130$, ~~and~~

~~wherein said developing said electrostatic latent image comprises selecting said toners having said shape coefficients SF1 and SF2 such that an excessive stress is prevented from being applied to said developing agent between said first and second developing rollers and a developing agent distributing member formed between said first and second developing rollers, to restrict an occurrence of photographic fog.~~

2. (Currently amended) An image forming method comprising:

in a center feed developing system comprising one or more sets of first and second developing rollers and a developing agent distributing member formed between said first and second developing rollers, and using a two-component developing agent consisting mainly of said toners and magnetic carriers:

controlling a stress applied to said developing agent between said first and second developing rollers and a developing agent distributing member, by selecting a shape coefficient SF2 of toner particles in said toners to be within a predetermined range to restrict an occurrence of photographic fog;

developing an electrostatic latent image formed on an image carrier ~~with a developing device~~ into a toner image using said toners;

transferring said toner image onto a recording medium which comprises a

continuous sheet; and

fixing said toner image transferred onto said recording medium to thereby form a recorded image on a recording sheet,

wherein said latent image is developed ~~with said developing device~~ by said one or more sets of first and second developing rollers disposed along the moving direction of said image carrier and rotatable in the mutually opposite directions using said ~~a~~ two-component magnetic developing agent consisting mainly of toners and magnetic carriers, and said toners are supplied to said latent image on said image carrier by said one or more sets of first and second developing rollers, ~~and~~

wherein the moving direction of said first developing roller is opposite to the moving direction of said image carrier in a developing area, and a peripheral speed ratio (S1 = Vm1 / Vp) between the peripheral speed (Vm1) of said first developing roller and the peripheral speed (Vp) of said image carrier is set in the range of 0.8 - 2.0,

wherein the moving direction of said second developing roller is the same as the moving direction of said image carrier in a developing area, and a peripheral speed ratio (S2 = Vm2 / Vp) between the peripheral speed (Vm2) of said second developing roller and the peripheral speed (Vp) of said image carrier is set in the range of 1.05 - 2.0, and

wherein the shape coefficients SF1, SF2 of said toners of said two-component magnetic developing agent consisting mainly of toners and magnetic carriers are defined according to following expressions (1) and (2),

$SF1 = (\text{maximum length of diameter})^2 / (\text{area of toner particle}) \times \pi / 4 \times 100$ --- (1)

$SF2 = (\text{peripheral length of projected image})^2 / (\text{area of toner particle}) \times 100 / 4\pi$ ---(2),

said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 respectively satisfying the following conditions:

$120 \leq SF1 \leq 170$

$110 \leq SF2 \leq 130$, ~~and~~

~~wherein said developing said electrostatic latent image comprises selecting said toners having said shape coefficients SF1 and SF2 such that an excessive stress is prevented from being applied to said developing agent between said first and second developing rollers and a~~

~~developing agent distributing member formed between said first and second developing rollers, to restrict an occurrence of photographic fog.~~

3. (Previously presented) The image forming method of claim 1, wherein the peripheral speed ratio S1 is in a range from 0.9 to 1.9.

4. (Previously presented) The image forming method of claim 1, wherein the peripheral speed ratio S2 is in a range from 1.1 to 1.9.

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) The image forming method of claim 2, wherein the peripheral speed ratio S1 is in a range from 0.9 to 1.9.

8. (Previously presented) The image forming method of claim 2, wherein the peripheral speed ratio S2 is in a range from 1.1 to 1.9.

9-26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously presented) The image forming method of claim 1, wherein said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 respectively satisfy the following conditions:

$130 \leq SF1 \leq 160$

$115 \leq SF2 \leq 130$.

28-33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently amended) The image forming method of claim 27, wherein said center feed developing system comprises a high speed printer, a peripheral speed (Vp) of said image carrier

being at least 1800 mm/sec.

35. (New) The image forming method of claim 1, wherein said peripheral speed (Vm1) of said first developing roller is in a range from 1440mm/s to 3600mm/s, and said peripheral speed (Vm2) of said second developing roller in a range from 1890mm/s to 3600mm/s.

36. (New) An image forming method comprising:

in a center feed developing system comprising first and second developing rollers and a developing agent distributing member formed between said first and second developing rollers, and using a two-component developing agent consisting mainly of said toners and magnetic carriers:

controlling a stress applied to said developing agent between said first and second developing rollers and a developing agent distributing member, by selecting a shape coefficient SF2 of toner particles in said toners to be within a predetermined range to restrict an occurrence of photographic fog;

delivering said developing agent consisting mainly of toners and magnetic carriers to said first developing roller, said toners having a shape coefficient SF1 in a range from 120 to 170 and a shape coefficient SF2 in a range from 110 to 130;

delivering said developing agent including said toners having said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 from said first developing roller to a photosensitive body;

restricting a delivery of said developing agent including said toners having said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 from said first developing roller to said photosensitive body by using said developing agent distributing member;

scraping said developing agent including said toners having said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 from said first developing roller using a scraper, said scaper delivering said scraped developing agent to a stirring member;

delivering said developing agent including said toners having said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 from said stirring member to said second developing roller;

delivering said developing agent including said toners having said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 from said second developing roller to said photosensitive body;

restricting a delivery of said developing agent including said toners having said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 from said second developing roller to said photosensitive body, by using said developing agent distributing member;

adjusting a supply of said developing agent including said toners having said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 delivered to said photosensitive body by adjusting a bias power source for said first and second developing rollers;

delivering a surplus of said developing agent including said toners having said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 which has been restricted by said developing agent distributing member to said stirring member using a guide plate which is adjacent to said developing agent distributing member;

forming a toner image on said photosensitive body, said toner image comprising said toners having said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 delivered from said first and second developing rollers;

transferring said toner image comprising said toners having said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 from said photosensitive body to a recording sheet;

fixing said toner image comprising said toners having said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 onto said recording sheet by using heat and pressure; and

removing said toners having said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 which remain on said photosensitive body by using a cleaning brush which is in contact with said photosensitive body.

37. (New) The image forming method of claim 36, further comprising:

controlling an effectiveness of a cleaner in said center feed developing system in cleaning said toners from said photosensitive body by selecting said shape coefficient SF1 of said toners to be within a predetermined range.

38. (New) An image forming method comprising:

in a center feed developing system comprising first and second developing rollers and a developing agent distributing member formed between said first and second developing rollers, and using a two-component developing agent consisting mainly of said toners and magnetic carriers:

controlling a stress applied to said developing agent between said first and second developing rollers and a developing agent distributing member, by selecting a shape coefficient SF2 of toner particles in said toners to be within a predetermined range to restrict an occurrence of photographic fog;

developing an electrostatic latent image formed on an image carrier into a toner image using said toners;

transferring said toner image onto a recording medium which comprises a continuous sheet; and

fixing said toner image transferred onto said recording medium to thereby form a recorded image on a recording sheet;

wherein said latent image is developed by said first and second developing rollers disposed along the moving direction of said image carrier and rotatable in the mutually opposite directions using said two-component magnetic developing agent consisting mainly of toners and magnetic carriers, and said toners are supplied to said latent image on said image carrier by said first and second developing rollers,

wherein the moving direction of said first developing roller is opposite to the moving direction of said image carrier in a developing area, and a peripheral speed ratio (S1 = Vm1 / Vp) between the peripheral speed (Vm1) of said first developing roller and the peripheral speed (Vp) of said image carrier is set in the range of 0.8 - 2.0,

wherein the moving direction of said second developing roller is the same as the moving direction of said image carrier in a developing area, and a peripheral speed ratio (S2 = Vm2 / Vp) between the peripheral speed (Vm2) of said second developing roller and the peripheral speed (Vp) of said image carrier is set in the range of 1.05 - 2.0, and

wherein a plurality of shape coefficients SF1, SF2 of said toners of said two-component magnetic developing agent consisting mainly of toners and magnetic carriers are respectively defined according to the following expressions (1) and (2),

$SF1 = (\text{maximum length of diameter})^2 / (\text{area of toner particle}) \times \pi / 4 \times 100$ --- (1)

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said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 respectively satisfying the following conditions:

$130 \leq SF1 \leq 160$

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39. (New) An image forming method comprising:

in a center feed developing system comprising one or more sets of first and second developing rollers and a developing agent distributing member formed between said first and second developing rollers, and using a two-component developing agent consisting mainly of said toners and magnetic carriers:

controlling a stress applied to said developing agent between said first and second developing rollers and a developing agent distributing member, by selecting a shape coefficient SF2 of toner particles in said toners to be within a predetermined range to restrict an occurrence of photographic fog;

developing an electrostatic latent image formed on an image carrier into a toner image using said toners;

transferring said toner image onto a recording medium which comprises a continuous sheet; and

fixing said toner image transferred onto said recording medium to thereby form a recorded image on a recording sheet,

wherein said latent image is developed by said one or more sets of first and second developing rollers disposed along the moving direction of said image carrier and rotatable in the mutually opposite directions using said two-component magnetic developing agent consisting mainly of toners and magnetic carriers, and said toners are supplied to said latent image on said

image carrier by said one or more sets of first and second developing rollers,

wherein the moving direction of said first developing roller is opposite to the moving direction of said image carrier in a developing area, and a peripheral speed ratio (S1 = Vm1 / Vp) between the peripheral speed (Vm1) of said first developing roller and the peripheral speed (Vp) of said image carrier is set in the range of 0.8 - 2.0,

wherein the moving direction of said second developing roller is the same as the moving direction of said image carrier in a developing area, and a peripheral speed ratio (S2 = Vm2 / Vp) between the peripheral speed (Vm2) of said second developing roller and the peripheral speed (Vp) of said image carrier is set in the range of 1.05 - 2.0,

wherein the shape coefficients SF1, SF2 of said toners of said two-component magnetic developing agent consisting mainly of toners and magnetic carriers are defined according to following expressions (1) and (2),

$SF1 = (\text{maximum length of diameter})^2 / (\text{area of toner particle}) \times \pi / 4 \times 100$ --- (1)

$SF2 = (\text{peripheral length of projected image})^2 / (\text{area of toner particle}) \times 100 / 4\pi$ ---(2),

said shape coefficients SF1, SF2 respectively satisfying the following conditions:

$120 \leq SF1 \leq 170$

$110 \leq SF2 \leq 130$, and

wherein said center feed developing system comprises a high speed printer, a peripheral speed (Vp) of said image carrier being at least 1800 mm/sec.